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Department of Social Services News Update

DSS Releases Updated Disaster Food Stamp Application Sites

BATON ROUGE -The Department of Social Services released an updated list of the application sites where residents in 31 eligible parishes can go to apply for the emergency help.

The parishes declared eligible for Disaster Food Stamps are: Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermilion, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana.

The Bossier, Caddo and Ouachita Office of Family Support locations are able to assist dislocated citizens from the above parishes.

Click here for a list of confirmed locations as of 6 p.m. Monday, September 8th. These sites will open Tuesday morning at 8 a.m. With widespread power outages and preparation for Ike, these locations are subject to change so applicants are advised to call 1-888-524-3578 and hit option 3 or visit http://www.dss.state.la.us/ before going to a site. Updated sites will be released Tuesday morning.

For the latest information on the recovery from Hurricane Gustav, visit emergency.louisiana.gov or call the state's emergency hotline at 1-866-288-2484 to listen to a recorded message with the most up-to-date information.

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